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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic MOORE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING

and/or common Central Elementary 4-6

2. Location

street & number ^{NW} Northwest First and Broadway N/A not for publication

city, town Moore vicinity of congressional district

state Oklahoma code 40 county Cleveland code 027

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Moore Public School

street & number 400 N. Broadway

city, town Moore vicinity of state Oklahoma 73160

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the County Clerk

street & number Cleveland County Courthouse

city, town Norman state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Moore School, erected in 1928, was a two-story, T-shaped building, of brick with Gothic entry and ornamentation of stone. It faced east and measured 133 feet north-south, 57 feet deep. The shaft of the T was the auditorium - a 70-foot wxtension to the west, 76 feet wide. In 1938, a 33-foot extension to the north added four class rooms, two up and two down. In 1941, a 36-foot extension to the south added four more rooms. In both additions matching of brick and stone ornamentation maintained the original appearance. Along the way the original auditorium balcony was made into three small second-floor rooms. The gym, which corners the auditorium on the north (and is now connected to it by covered walkway - see sketch and Photo No. 5), is not included in this nomination.

The building has metal doors, with transoms, metal sash windows in banks of three for the most part, a flat tar roof, and a brick smokestack. (Photo No. 7). On the front lawn are columns memorializing the classes of 1930, 1944, and 1945. Also on the lawn is a monument noting the nearby campsite of Washington Irving and his party in 1832.

Interior changes have been minimal, at least structurally. Original wood floors are now tile covered. Lowered ceilings of accoustical tiles have replaced the original 11-foot pressed tin ceilings (except in the Alumni Room - see Photo No. 11). The plastered walls remain. The building now has flourescent lighting.

On the first floor the centered east entry leads directly to the auditorium with seating for 328. The north-south hallway runs the length of the building to serve 12 rooms. Stairwells on either side of the auditorium lead to the second floor and 13 more rooms, with another pair of restrooms. The upstairs hall has retained two original drinking fountains.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates 1928 **Builder/Architect** Norman Builders Lumber Company

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Moore Public School Building is significant because it is the oldest surviving educational building facility in Moore. Erected in 1928 this building was Moore's first and only school building until 1958. The building served not only as an educational facility, but also as a community building for the various activities occurring in a small town such as Moore. The building initially housed all twelve grades, later it became an elementary school and now serves as the administrating building and houses an alumni association museum.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Moore Alumni Association research into old Moore School Board minutes, Cleveland County records, Moore Highschool year books, old newspaper files . . . interviews with former Moore teachers.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Moore

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	4	6	3	7	5	2	5	3	9	1	1	5	7	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B.

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1-32, Block 7, Original Town of Moore

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kent Ruth - Deputy

organization Oklahoma Historical Society date August 1983

street & number Historical Building telephone 405/521-2491
405/884-5456

city or town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *C. Ruth*

title _____ date 9/24/84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

A. Bill Giverson date 1/8/84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

N



Moore School Building
Moore, Oklahoma

(not to scale)

N. W. 2 ND

Gym is not included
in the nomination.

GYM

MOORE
SCHOOL

HOWARD

N. BROADWAY

N. W. 1 ST